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Newsletter

LB Sustainability

Programs in Numbers 2018

Mulch Delivery & Pickup:

581 Deliveries
4,915 since 2010
332.4 Tons
2,995 since 2010

Parkway Tree Planting:

290 Trees Planted
2,007 since 2010

Compost Pilot Program:

67.62 tons
320 since 2014

Edible Garden Food Donations

144.4 pounds
1,050 since 2011



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Long Beach Launches New Fruit Tree Program

The City of Long Beach has launched a fruit tree planting program as a part of its sustainability efforts. Long Beach residents can now apply to have a fruit tree planted by City staff in their front yard for free. This Office of Sustainability program is made possible through grant funding from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE).

"Fruit trees are a great way to grow the urban forest and provide new sources of fresh produce to the community," said Mayor Robert Garcia. "This program will help us meet our climate goals, reduce air pollution, and provide more healthy fruit for residents."

Fruit tree applications are now open. Residents can apply online at <http://www.longbeach.gov/sustainability/programs/tree-planting>. An alternate format of the application can be requested by calling (562) 570-6396.

"We hope this gives more residents the opportunity to have a tree who want one," said Sustainability Coordinator, Larry Rich. "Planting in front yards gives us the opportunity to plant in areas that aren't able to have parkway trees and give those neighborhoods all the benefits the urban forest can provide: cleaner air, more shade, and in this case, food."

Residents can apply for one of five different fruit trees: lemon, lime, orange, pomegranate, peach, or avocado. This fruit planting program is a part of the I Dig Long Beach initiative, which recently received a \$1.26 million grant from CAL FIRE. Funding for this California Climate Investments Grant Project has been provided by the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund through CAL FIRE Urban and Community Forestry Program.

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Commissioner Spotlight

Get to know the members of the Sustainable City Commission. Here is our representative from District 9.



Hilda Gaytan is an immigrant from Mexico City. At the age of 47 she returned to school. She graduated from Compton College and studied Sociology with a minor in Urban Planning and Design at UCI. She has a certificate in sustainability from UCI and is a UC Master Gardener. She is a 2018-19 ARTS for LA Activate fellow, serves as a board member for Walk Long Beach, UPLAN, Urban Agricultural Council, and Puente LA. During the last 10 years Hilda has been a community activist and organizer advocating for sustainable practices, public health, and the arts as a way of acquiring social equity.



Long Beach Sustainability Work Plan 2019

The Office of Sustainability continues to expand its programs and services to Long Beach residents in 2019. In addition to the new Fruit Tree Program discussed on P1, here

is what is new at the Office of Sustainability in 2019:

Native Plant Workshops begin this year on the second Saturday of each month at the new Native Plant Nursery at Willow Springs Park. Participants will learn about different types of plants, their care and propagation, as well as their benefits to the local ecosystem. Each workshop will also be followed by an opportunity to volunteer in the habitat restoration area.

The Office of Sustainability is also working this year on a plan to provide a direct install program to Long Beach residents. This program would provide water and energy saving devices or home improvements along with energy assessments to residents free of charge. We are working to have a plan in place by mid 2019 and launch the program by the end of the year.

Read more about our plans for 2019 in our Work Plan: <http://bit.ly/2019workplan>

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram @lbsustainability for updates on these and other programs throughout the year!

Garden Workshops Expand in 2019

Edible Garden Workshops are expanding to more locations in 2019! Here is the list of workshops coming up:

Wednesday January 30

Alamitos Library, 1:30 - 2:30pm: Spring Planting Basics

Monday, February 4th

Civic Center Edible Garden, 11am-12pm Natural Pest and Disease Control

Thursday February 21

Ruth Bach Library, 1-2pm, Spring Planting Basics
Los Altos Library, 4:30-5:30pm Spring Planting Basics

Check on our website (www.longbeach.gov/sustainability/programs/edible-garden) or contact us to get on our garden email list and have the dates sent to your inbox each month.



Sustainability Year in Review 2018

Long Beach continued making progress towards a more environmentally friendly and resilient city in 2018. Many departments contributed to this progress. Here are the LB Sustainability highlights from the Year in Review.

- Established a new Green Business Certification and Recognition Program under the California Green Business Network and received a \$30,000 startup grant to certify 15 businesses by March 2019.
- Co-hosted the Inaugural Ranchos Walk, a 9.5 mile walk from Rancho los Alamitos to Rancho los Cerritos and created a digital guided tour for the 400 participants to learn about Long Beach history along the route.
- Awarded a Silver Level Beacon Award recognizing the City of Long Beach's actions to address climate change, promote energy innovation, and create more sustainable communities.
- First vacant lot contracted under the Urban Agriculture Incentive Zone program.
- Hosted 5 Smart Homebuyer Workshops to educate Long Beach home buyers and home owners on energy efficiency improvements and the Energy Efficient Mortgage.

Want more? Read the full Year in Review online at:
www.longbeach.gov/mayor/news/2018-year-in-review/

Native Plant Workshops begin in 2019

The City of Long Beach Office of Sustainability hosted the first Native Plant Workshop at Willow Springs Park on January 12, 2019. Workshops will be held on the second Saturday of each month throughout the year.



Each workshop will be followed by a one hour volunteer opportunity in the restoration area of Willow Springs Park.

RSVP for the next workshop at
<http://bit.ly/GrowNativeLB>

Upcoming Workshops:

February 9, 9am
Native Plant Propagation

March 9, 9am
To Be Determined

Parking is available at 2710 California Avenue next to the Farm Lot 59 Farm Stand.

For more information contact Nursery Coordinator, Blanca Diaz at Blanca.Diaz@longbeach.gov or (562) 570-6281.

Let's Tackle Climate Change! Open House #2

The City of Long Beach is developing its first-ever Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP), and we want you to be part of the process! Join us at the Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library on Saturday, January 26, 2019, from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. for our next public workshop and resource fair to provide your input on what new requirements, incentives, infrastructure projects, and policies should be included in the CAAP.



Register online at: <https://caapopenhouse-2.eventbrite.com/>

Find more information on the CAAP: www.lbds.info/climateactionlb/. Join the conversation on Facebook and Twitter using #CAAPLB.

Sustainable City Commission Meetings

Every fourth Thursday at 4:00pm
in City Council Chambers.

January 24, 2019

Presentations: Public Works Stormwater Management Division on Stormwater Projects and Programs, and Sustainability Staff on the new Fruit Tree Program and the expansion of PACE providers in Long Beach.

February 28, 2019

Presentations: TBD

March 28, 2019

Presentations: TBD

Certified Green Businesses

As part of the California Green Business Network (CAGBN), Long Beach certifies and recognizes green businesses for their efforts to protect the environment. Below are the businesses that were certified in 2018.

Find more green businesses and get your business certified at www.longbeach.gov/greenbusiness.



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Long Beach Sustainability's Mission is to provide policies and programs that
Advance **environmental stewardship**,
Support **local sustainability practices**, &
Create a **more livable** and **resilient** Long Beach.

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